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Applicant: Mack, et al.

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For: Tribological Materials and Structures and Methods for Making the Same

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2002, in the above referenced application.

Claims 1-85 are pending in the present application, which claims are subject to a restriction requirement. Specifically, restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Group I: the plastic article (claims 1-69 and 83-85).

Group II: the method of forming a bearing composition (claims 70-81).

Group III: the additives of a lubricious reinforcing first additive and a lubricious second additive (claims 82).

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, i.e. Claims 1-69 and 83-85, drawn to the plastic article, with traverse.

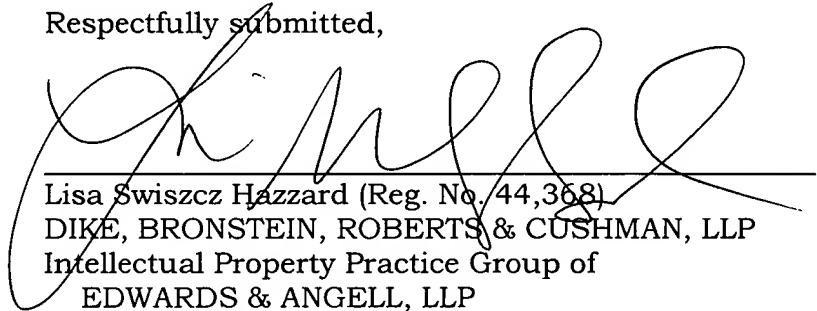
Applicants respectfully request that Groups II and III (claims 70-82) be joined to Group I. The subject matter of the claim groups is overlapping and it is believed a search of the Group I claims would be substantially co-extensive with that of the Group II and III claims. Thus, there would be no undue burden on the Office to search Groups I, II and III together in this application.

The election of Group I is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Communication. The right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

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